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Air District Health Advisory Lifted

Air quality forecast to be in the good – moderate range through the July 4th weekend

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is lifting the health advisory which was in place for five days last week, due to high particulate levels from the Northern California wildfires.

Air quality throughout much of the nine-county Bay Area region—comprising Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano and southern Sonoma Counties—is forecast to be in the good to moderate range through the coming July 4th weekend. The Air District's pollutant monitoring network now shows significantly decreased pollution levels throughout the Bay Area. Particulate levels are in the healthy range.

"Although the wild fires continue in areas of Northern California and the Central Coast, onshore winds will push much of the smoke away from the Bay Area for the time being," said Air District Managing Meteorologist Dick Duker. "We expect that the Bay Area will continue to avoid unhealthy particulate levels due to the wildfire smoke for the next few days."

The Air District will continue to monitor smoke impacts and issue additional updates as conditions warrant.

For more information about smoke impacts please visit <u>www.sparetheair.org</u> or the CAPCOA website: <u>www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/</u>.